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SUBJECT: US- JAPAN EXCHANGES

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON

1. WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HEAR OF JAPANESE INITIATIVE FOR POSSIBLE FIVE MILLION DOLLAR GRANT FOR CHAIRS IN JAPANESE STUDIES AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES. I FULLY APPRECIATE THE DESIRABILITY OF SOME COMPANION USG MOVE ESPECIALLY IF IT COULD BE ANNOUNCED AT TIME OF TANAKA VISIT. WE HAVE ALSO LONG RECOGNIZED NEED THAT EXISTS FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR PROGRAMS ADDRESSED TO CULTURE GAP AND COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM WITH JAPAN, INCLUDING AMERICAN STUDIES.

FYI ONLY - WE ARE ENGAGED IN BROADER AND MORE COMPLEX QUESTION OF COMBINING CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN JAVITS BILL WITH EFFORT TO COMMIT ENTIRE REMAINING GARIOA BALANCE TO EXPANDING PROGRAM WITH JAPAN IN CERTAIN
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FIELDS PRESENTLY UNDER ATTENDED, PRINCIPALLY JAPANESE, AMERICAN STUDIES. CONSULTATIONS THAT WILL BE REQUIRED WITH OMB AND THE CONGRESS MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE ANY SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE BY JUNE 1. END FYI

2. RE PROPOSAL REFTL, YOU CAN INDICATE TO GOJ THAT THE DEPARTMENT VIEWS SYMPATHETICALLY THE DESIRABILITY OF A POSITIVE AMERICAN RESPONSE TO THE JAPANESE INITIATIVE AND WILL DO WHAT IT CAN TO FURTHER THIS OBJECTIVE. HOWEVER, AS NUMEROUS OTHER AGENCIES AND CONGRESS ARE INVOLVED IN SUCH AN ACTION, RESPONSE BY END OF JULY CANNOT BE ASSURED. IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ OFFICIALS WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO RE- EMPHASIZE FACT THAT OUR CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH JAPAN IS TWENTY FIVE YEARS OLD, WHILE JAPAN FOUNDATION IS JUST COMPLETING ITS FIRST YEAR. IN RECENT YEARS WE HAVE GRADUALLY INCREASED OUR PROGRAM WITH JAPAN UNTIL IT IS NOW THE LARGEST CU FINANCED BINATIONAL PROGRAM IN THE WORLD. OUR ANNUAL EXCHANGE EXPENDITURES ON JAPAN IN FY 73 CONSIDERABLY EXCEED JAPAN FOUNDATION EXPENDITURES ON US PROGRAMS IN JFY 73. WITHIN LIMITS OF OUR APPROPRIATION, WE EXPECT TO CONTINUE OUR HEAVY EMPHASIS ON JAPAN. RUSH

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